

KITTERY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE – MINUTES – APPROVED 11-24-15

June 23, 2015

Regular Meeting

Conference Room A

1. Call to Order.

Chairman Dow called the meeting to order at 6:05pm.

2. Roll Call.

Answering the call were Chairman George Dow, John Carson, Tom Emerson and Chris Matteo.

Absent were: Patrick Trevino, Kittery Town Manager Nancy Colbert Puff, Councilor Chuck DeNault, Asst. Planner Elena Piekut and Stephen Kosacz.

3. Agenda Amendment/Adoption. None

4. Acceptance of Previous Minutes.

Chairman cast one vote to approve the minutes of meeting on 06/02/2015 as presented.

5. All items involving visitors / requested officials.

None

6. Committee Reports.

None

7. Unfinished Business.

- The committee discussed current business opportunities on Route One North. Tom Emerson discussed some of the current business zoning issues as a result of the current mixed-use (MU) zoning and felt that if there was some consideration of modifying some of the MU areas and making them Business Local (BL) along Route One may offer more business opportunity. Tom volunteered to review the zoning maps and bring back to the committee items for discussion and review with Planning Board.
- The Chair brought up for discussion the Business Park and the needed discussion of development, residential requirements, understanding of the zoning issues facing development, examination of the current TIF #3 which represents the Business Park. The Chair raised the question of whether the committee should ask Mr. Cullen to come to the next committee meeting, or did the committee need to do additional homework to develop a list of items that need clarity and review by the Planning Board. It was determined that Tom would review the zoning at the Business Park, determine the points for clarification that would be presented to the Planning Board when the committee meet with the Board on July 23, 2015.
- It was determined that the Chair would develop a one-page document outlining the points for discussion to be presented to the Planning Board for the July 23, 2015 meeting.
- Discussion of future presentations were tabled for the immediate future as was any discussion on the EDC Committee supporting, or opposing property discussions, i.e. Old Armory Way.

8. New Business.

- The Committee discussed at length the Business Park and various aspects that the Committee felt needed clarity. Tom will gather those items together for Planning Board review, as well as for Route One North development and modifying the MU zoning to

incorporate some BL.

- The committee discussed several of the business opportunities on Route One North and did determine that the TIF#1 that represents that Route One North corridor needs to be reviewed and perhaps adjusted.
- The Chair discussed the current website and the need to have someone update and maintain the website. Councilor Denault was not in attendance to discuss so Chair left the conversation for the next meeting.
- The Chair discussed the opportunity of developing a Spotlight Business segment that could perhaps be introduced by the Town Manager in her report to Council, or on Channel 22.
- Town Planner, Chris Matteo mentioned that the July 23rd meeting would involve the update to the By-Pass traffic and Bike-Ped traffic. Tom added that there needs to be a real focus on connectivity to pedestrian traffic and discussed residential density as a means of bring tremendous valuation as well as connectivity to build future business growth on the By-Pass.

9. Committee Member Issues or Comments.

None.

10. Meeting Schedule & Adjournment.

NEXT MEETING: June 23, 2015

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn by the Tom Emerson; Seconded by the John Carson. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

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